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In re Application of:

MATSUNAGA

Group Art Unit: 3682

Serial No. 10/644,724

Examiner: Lenard A. Footland

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 4, 2005

Sir:

The Office Action dated April 8, 2005 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

The Office Action of April 8, 2005 was an election of species requirement, requiring election between one of the following eleven inventions:

Invention I: Illustrated in Figures 1-2;
Invention II: Illustrated in Figures 3a-b;
Invention III: Illustrated in Figures 4a;
Invention IV: Illustrated in Figures 4b;
Invention V: Illustrated in Figures 4c;
Invention VI: Illustrated in Figures 5a-b;
Invention VII: Illustrated in Figures 6-7b;
Invention VIII: Illustrated in Figure 8;
Invention IX: Illustrated in Figures 9-10;
Invention X: Illustrated in Figure 11; and
Invention XI: Illustrated in Figure 12.

Applicant respectfully elects to prosecute the subject matter of Invention VII,

illustrated Figures 6-7b. Claims 1-10 are readable on species VII figs 6-7b. Applicant therefore respectfully requests timely consideration on the merits.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims at any point prior to the termination of the proceedings in the subject application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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